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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

TO AMCONSUL MUNICH

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY RELEASE ON VE DAY

REF: MUNICH 874

1. THE PRESS REPORTS WERE INACCURATE. THE EMBASSY DID NOT
ISSUE ANY RELEASE PROTESTING CZECH TREATMENT OF VE DAY. THE
EMBASSY ISSUED A SHORT PRESS RELEASE ON MAY 5 ANNOUNCING THE
JOINT US-CZECH WREATH-LAYING CEREMONIES AT CHEB AND LNARE ON
MAY 8. GOC DID NOT PROTEST THIS PRESS RELEASE, AND CEREMON-
IES TOOK PLACE AS PLANNED (PRAGUE 1092). ON MAY 5-6, EMBASSY
BEGAN DISTRIBUTION TO EMBASSIES AND TO ITS NORMAL PRESS RELEASE
DISTRIBUTION LIST OF AN EIGHT-PAGE CZECH -LANGUAGE PAMPHLET,
ENTITLED "LIBERATION 1945," ON US ROLE IN LIBERATION OF
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. US CONSIDERED PAMPHLET NON-OBJECTIONABLE,
SINCE TEXT WAS FROM OFFICIAL USG HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II
("THE SUPREME COMMAND") AND PHOTOS WERE OFFICIAL ARMY PHOTOS
WHICH HAVE BEEN ON DISPLAY AT EMBASSY FOR PUBLIC THIS YEAR
AND PREVIOUSLY. HOWEVER, CZECH AUTHORITIES THOUGHT OTHER-
WISE AND MFA CALLED IN DCM MAY 7 TO PROTEST PAMPHLET AS
INTRUSION IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ASKING THAT IT NOT BE
DISTRIBUTED FURTHER. FACT THAT JOINT WREATH-LAYING CERE-
MONIES TOOK PLACE MAY 8 AS PLANNED (FIRST TIME IN
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RECENT YEARS GOC HAS JOINED US IN THIS COMMEMORATION) IS

SIGN THAT SIGNIFICANCE OF PROTEST SHOULD NOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED.

2. FOR DEPT: MUNICH 874 INQUIRED ON BASIS PRESS REPORTS THAT
MFA PROTEST ABOUT TEXT OF AN EMBASSY RELEASE "PROTESTING
CZECH TREATMENT OF VE DAY."
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